

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20268-0001

Mail Classification Schedule Change
(Lightweight Commercial Parcels)

Docket No. MC2011-28

CHAIRMAN'S INFORMATION REQUEST NO. 1

(Issued August 24, 2011)

The Postal Service is requested to respond to the following questions to clarify its notice of classification change pursuant to 39 CFR 3020.90 *et seq.* concerning Lightweight Commercial Parcels.¹ Responses shall be provided no later than August 26, 2011.

1. The Notice indicates that the Postal Service “has decided to change the name of the transferred product from ‘Lightweight Commercial Parcels’ to ‘Commercial First-Class Package Service’.... *Id.* at 1. In what appears to be a related final rule published in the *Federal Register*, the Postal Service revises certain mailing standards, as set forth in the Domestic Mail Manual, “to introduce a new competitive product called First-Class Package Service.” 76 Fed. Reg. 51257, August 18, 2011 (Federal Register Notice). The two notices appear to refer to the same product. Please reconcile the inconsistency.

¹ Notice of Minor Classification Change, August 12, 2011 (Notice).

2. The Postal Service indicates that the changes identified in the Notice are to be effective August 29, 2011, whereas the changes identified in the Federal Register Notice are to be effective October 3, 2011.² Please reconcile the different effective dates.
3. The Postal Service states that “First-Class Package Service parcels will receive the same service as First-Class Mail...” Federal Register Notice at 51258. Please explain if this service is the same as for Priority Mail. If not, please explain the rationale for offering different service levels for the two products.
4. Please explain all other differences between the classification changes discussed in the Notice and those discussed in the Federal Register Notice.

By the Chairman.

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² See Response of the United States Postal Service to Notice and Order Concerning Classification Changes, August 19, 2011, question 1; and Federal Register Notice at 51257.